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#### **September 30th Deadline for Submittal of FY 04/05 Summary Reports**

We want to remind CUPA managers that the September 30th deadline for submittal of FY 2004/05 Summary Reports is fast approaching. The Single Fee Summary Report 2, Inspection Summary Report 3, and Enforcement Summary Report 4 are all due on that date. Data from these reports is used by State and Federal agencies for a variety of purposes including CUPA evaluations. We appreciate the effort that CUPAs have made in past years to improve the timeliness and accuracy of these reports and look forward to timely receipt again this year. Any questions can be directed to Kareem Taylor at (916) 327-9557.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Violation Classification Workgroup	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Karidis	(916) 327-9558
Workgroup on Information and Forms	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Bohon	(916) 327-5097
Workgroup on Information and Forms	October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Bohon	(916) 327-5097
Workgroup on Information and Forms	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Bohon	(916) 327-5097
Data Management Steering Committee	November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Bohon	(916) 327-5097
Enforcement Steering Committee	November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Matz	(916) 327-3442
UST Steering Committee	November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Haven	(916) 341-5752
UP Administrative and Advisory Group	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Johnson	(916) 322-8284

### **State Water Resources Control Board**

#### **New State Water Board Staff**

We are pleased to announce that Mr. James (Jim) Frank has accepted a position with the State Water Board UST Program's UST Leak Prevention Technical Unit. Jim has extensive experience with the regulation, enforcement, and inspection of USTs. Jim was the UST Program Manager for the City of Santa Rosa's Fire Department for six years and was instrumental in developing and maintaining the city's CUPA program, as well as serving on the CUPA Forum Board. Jim has also worked in the Hazardous Waste and UST Programs for Sacramento County and San Diego County. The local agency perspective and extensive UST expertise he brings to the State Water Board will prove to be valuable. Please join us in welcoming Jim, who can be reached at [jfrank@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jfrank@waterboards.ca.gov) or 916-341-5668.

#### **Advisory Regarding Thermoplastic Flexible Piping**

We issued an advisory letter (attached) dated August 31, 2005, regarding the revised requirements of Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Standard for Nonmetallic Underground Piping for Flammable Liquids (UL 971 - January 2, 2004 revision, effective July 1, 2005) and our concerns regarding the use of certain

thermoplastic flexible piping systems. The advisory stems from observations that indicate certain thermoplastic flexible piping systems may not be performing as intended, and may not be fully compatible with the product or hazardous substances stored.

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870)

### **California UST Inspector Certification**

Effective September 1, 2005, all regulators conducting UST compliance inspections must possess a current ICC California UST Inspector certificate. This regulatory requirement was drafted in response to a legislative mandate that UST professionals, including inspectors, meet minimum industry-established training standards. Now that this requirement is in effect, we recommend that when an UST inspector signs UST facility inspection reports, they now also include their ICC UST Inspector certificate number. It is important to note that, absent the ICC UST Inspector certificate, staff do not have the proper authority to conduct UST inspections.

UST Program Contact: Liz Haven (lhaven@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5752), or Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870)

### **Office of Tank Tester Licensing**

Regulations governing the licensing of tank testers allow the State Water Board to approve courses of study that would, if completed, reduce the experience requirement for prospective tank testers from one year to six months. The Office of Tank Tester Licensing has recently received an application for a proposed course of study and will convene a committee to review the application. In addition to the licensed tank testers who will serve on the committee, we are requesting that one or two local agency regulator(s) volunteer to serve. Committee members would be required to review proposed course materials and participate in one or more public meeting(s) in Sacramento. Meetings will be conducted with members of the public present. The committee will set a time during the meeting in which members of the public will be able to verbally comment. In the event that we receive more than one or two volunteer(s), we will review the list and notify all volunteers of the final selection. If you are interested, please let us know by Friday, September 16.

UST Program Contact: Julie Berrey (jberrey@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5872 or Leslie Graves (lgraves@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5810).

### **Interstitial Liquid Level Measurement (ILLM) Rulemaking**

The proposed regulation defining ILLM was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and permanently adopted into Title 23 on August 19, 2005. Documents related to this rulemaking, including the Final Statement of Reasons and responses to comments received, are available on the State Water Board UST Program website at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust)

UST Program Contact: Scott Bacon (sbacon@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5873)

### **Enforcement Actions**

Approximately 40 UST facilities have been brought into compliance with designated operator requirements after a joint investigation by the State Water Boards' UST Enforcement Unit, Stanislaus County's Department of Environmental Resources, and the California District Attorneys' Circuit Prosecutor Project through the Stanislaus County's District Attorney's Office. For more information, please see the press release at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press/docs/2005/05\\_013.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press/docs/2005/05_013.pdf)

UST Program Contact: Leslie Graves (lgraves@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5810) or Julie Berrey (jberrey@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5872).

### **UST Regulatory Compliance Training**

Laura Chaddock will conduct UST Regulatory Compliance Training in Anaheim on Tuesday, September 27. This training will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the North Net Fire Training Facility located at 2400 E. Orangewood Ave., Anaheim. To ensure adequate course materials are available on site, please send an email to [kmak@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kmak@waterboards.ca.gov) by September 20 with 'UST Training Registration' in the subject line if you plan to attend.

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870)

**Department of Toxic Substances Control**

**Updated List of CUPA Liaisons**

DTSC has updated its list of CUPA Liaisons. The updated list can be found at the following page:  
[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/HWM\\_LIST\\_CUPA-Liaisons.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/HWM_LIST_CUPA-Liaisons.pdf)

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